

Dear Dr. Henney,

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I believe that this is the most important public health, civil rights issue of our time. My mother is allergic to peanuts, how can she avoid deadly allergic reactions to transgenic allergens without labeling laws. How can a Jew, Moslem, or Catholic, observe religious law on dietary restrictions without labeling of all food, processed or direct consumer products.

What about liability, an escaped genome due to pollen drift or cross breeding fish cannot be cleaned up. Unlike a slowly degradable oil spill or chemical leak, genetic pollution is forever. We cannot recall mutated genes carried forth into the DNA ~~RNA~~ soup which nature has carefully simmered for millions of years. Please consider a moratorium on all GMOs and independent testing including discontinuation of formerly approved GMOs pending Independent Safety Testing. I support the points in Docket # OOP-1211/CPI.

Sincerely, Kurt Gubrud

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INSIDE THE PROTESTS

Taking It to Main Street

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IT WAS THE SORT OF KITSCHY street theater you expect in a city like San Francisco. A gaggle of protesters in front of a grocery store, some dressed as Frankenstein's monster. Signs reading HELL NO, WE WON'T GROW IT! People in white biohazard jumpsuits pitching Campbell's soup and Kellogg's cornflakes into a mock toxic-waste bin. The crowd shouting, "Hey, hey, ho, ho—GMO has got to

as the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, and the Public Interest Research Groups—were launching the Genetically Engineered Food Alert, a million-dollar, multyear organizing effort to pressure Congress, the Food and Drug Administration and individual companies, one at a time, starting with Campbell's soup. The offensive represents the seeds of what could grow into a serious problem for U.S. agribusiness, which had been betting that science-friendly American consumers would remain immune to any "Franken-

gence is a study in the warp-speed politics of the age of the Internet. This is a time when a Web designer named Craig Winters can start an organization called the Campaign to Label Genetically Engineered Food with a staff of one (himself), mount a website and sell 160,000 "Take Action Packets" in nine weeks. Want to know what the chickens are doing about transgenic grain shipments? How South Korean labeling laws work? Just subscribe to one of the four biotech e-mail lists of the Institute for Agriculture and



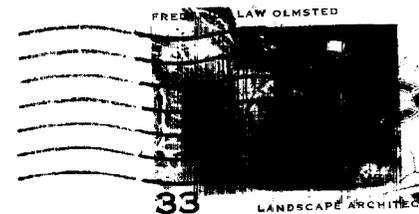
Corrina M. Rice, Kelly Campbell and Miranda Ritterman of PAN (l-r) participate in the San Francisco GE food alert demonstration.

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